the CRPF Rules, 1955, on completion of 20 years of qualifying service, are not required to specify the reasons for seeking voluntary retirement. However, wherever reasons have been specified in the notice of voluntary retirement, generally, these have been given as domstic/prsonal.

Murder of a youth in Shahjanpur, M.P.

3059. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 21st July, 1989 regarding gruesome murder of a 18 year youth inside Agar Police Station, Shahjanpur (M.P.) while in police custody;

(b) whether a Member of Parliament sought intervention of the Prime Minister for initiating CBI inquiry into the murder of the youth; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government has seen the news item.

(b) and (c) Shri Ish Dutt Yadav, MP had sent a letter dated 6th July, 1989, to the Prime Minister. The Hon'ble Member, however, had not made any request for CBI inquiry into the matter.

3060. [*Transferred to the 8th August*, 1989].

Inclusion of Bhai Sahib Randhir Singh and others in the list of political prisoners lodged in Hazaribagh Jail

3061. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during freedom struggle 33 Punjabis led by Bhai Sahib Bhai Randhir Singh were transferred from the Central Jail Multan to Hazaribagh Jail in July 1917 and remained there till 1921; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to include their names in the list of polical prisoners who were lodged in the Hazaribagh Jail?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No specific information is available with the Government about the transfer of Bhai Sahib Bhai Randhir Singh from Central Jail Multan to Hazaribagh Jail.

(b) Does not arise.

Demands of associate banks officers' association

3062. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the pending demands of the Associate Banks Officers' Association; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Associate Banks Officers' Association has been, in main, demanding delinking of Associate Banks from the State Bank of India. The demand has been examined and the decision is to maintain the *status-quo*.

IPS officers on deputation to ITBP

3063. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of IPS Officers on deputation with Indo-Tibetan Border Police;

(b) what is the normal period for which an officer remains on deputation with ITBP; and

(c) whether there are some officers who have overstayed the maximum tenure; if so, what is the number thereof and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Seven IPS Officers are presently on deputation with Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

(b) An IPS Officer can normally remain on deputation with ITBP for a period ranging from 4 years to 8 years, depending on the level at which he joins whether he gets promoted in the organisation and whether he has done a hard posting for requisite number of years. However, in case the officer is of the rank of DGP, no period is fixed.

(c) There is no IPS Officer in ITBP at present who has overstayed the maximum tenure prescribed under the Tenure Rules for IPS Officers.

Excise duty on raw material for building of bodies of trucks and buses

3064. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire work of building bus/truck bodies is mostly labour-oriented;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the materials used therefor such as sunmica, steel, glass, aluminium, wood etc. are liable to Central Excise duty;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for levying excise duty again on built-up bodies; and

(d) what steps have been taken to assist the labour-oriented industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) Most of the body building activity is carried out in small and medium scale sectors and are labour oriented. The bus/truck with body is liable to excise duty at 25 per cent *ad valorem* wih a facility to avail credit of duty paid on chassis as well as materials used for building the body. In case the manufacturer does not opt to take credit of the duty paid on any material, then he has an option to pay excise duty at the rate of Rs. 8,400 per bus and Rs. 4,200 per truck. These rates of duty are not very high considering the substantial value addition involved in body building activity.

Stopping of financing by Baitarani Gramya Bank, Orissa

3065. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baitarani Gramya Bank (Regional Rural Bank operating in Mayurbhanj/Keonjhar district of Orissa State) has stopped financing since last year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action has been taken by the Government (NABARD) as well as sponsoring bank (Bank of India) to rehabilitate the Regional Rural Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that Baitarani Gramya Bank had disbursed loans amounting to Rs. 234.97 lakhs to 17427 borrowers during the period January, 1988 to December, 1988. The Gramya Bank had to suspend financing since October, 1988 as NABARD renewed its limits for the year 1988-89 only to the extent of balances outstanding under the previous year's limits as the bank was not eligible for enhanced limits on account of its high percentage of overdues to demand. Suitable measures are now being taken by all concerned to revive the lending programme by the Gramin Bank.